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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John Helgerson
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FROM: Lieutenant General Edward J. Heinz, USAF
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SUBJECT: Proposed Confirmation Testimony

John:


Bill, Doug, and I have all reviewed the draft comments for Dick Kerr's testimony. Following are some general comments:

1. We found some portions a bit condescending; particularly the portion relating to the value of the Intelligence Committees. We all agree we are much better off now with oversight centered in two committees. The committees also have been supportive in a resource sense. However, there are still areas of contention:

- Access to raw intelligence and the consequence of alternative analysis.
- Micromanagement of the intelligence and counterintelligence processes.
- Inexhaustible quest for detail by Congressional Staffers and the resource implications of responding to these requests.

2. It appears that Dick may be leading with his chin on the 48-hour issue. Would it be better to let the Committee raise the issue? We are of the opinion that raising that issue early on will focus the remaining discussion to a single issue.

Finally, one specific comment at the top of page 11, I believe that after "...Intelligence Community." you should add the sentence, "And, the support mechanisms between the Intelligence Community and the drug enforcement agencies must be improved."


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